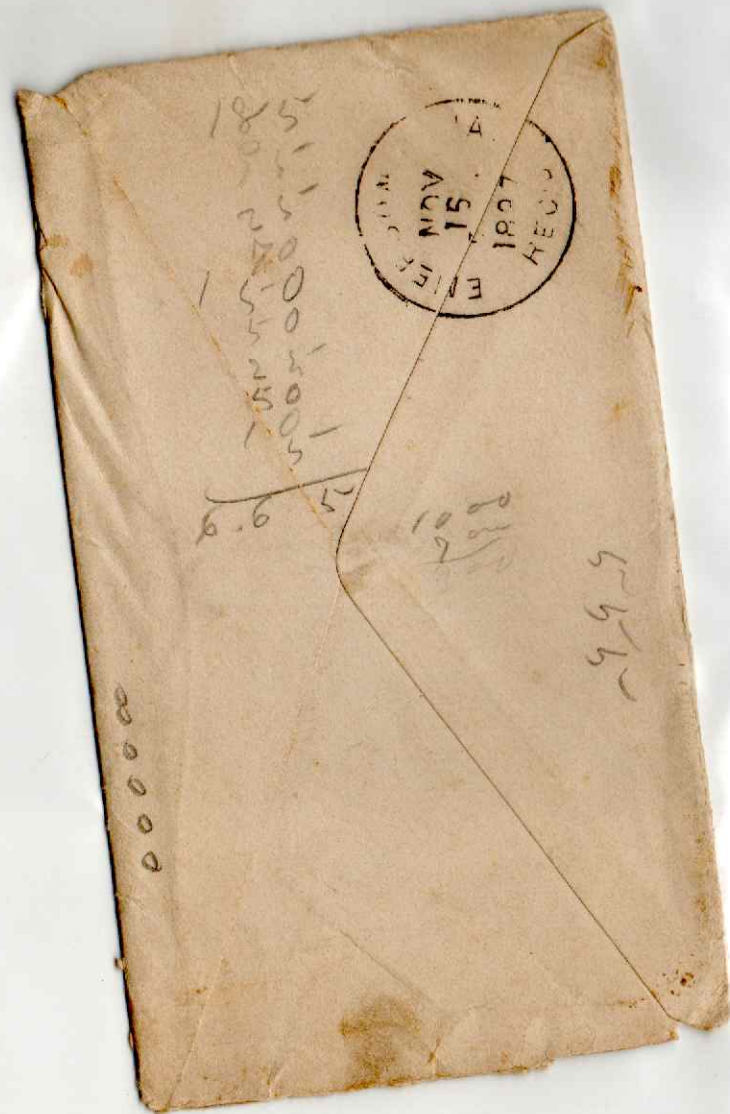


Monmouth, Ill.
Nov. 14. 1897.

Dear Marriana.

I recieved your letter Friday
and was shocked at the news
of Sarah's death. I have
thought of nothing else since.
I heard it - It seems like
any one else could have been
taken and they would not
be missed by the whole
town and country around
like she will. How it must
have seemed to have her
around and well one day and
a corpse the next. I would
like so well to have one of
the pictures that Mrs. Shipman

took. He didn't get the chronicle yesterday at all - and I was so anxious to see the account of the funeral. He may get it tomorrow. I wrote a letter to that portrait Co. about that picture and yesterday we got a card that it was shipped to us by express C.O.D. - Roy will get it tomorrow. Mr. Woods came Friday morning just as I was getting breakfast - He stayed till nearly noon and then went up town & went to Kirkwood - He came back last night and stayed till the 10.23 train & went home. He gave Roy five dollars he said there was a mistake made when they settled up



last fall. He thinks we
are all doing fine - He took
two meals up town with
Harry and they had a good
time together Harry fixed him
a lunch to take home, and
the boys both went to the
train with him - He went to
see Fred in Chicago - They have
another little baby girl - They
call her Ruth Irene. They have
three girls now - The oldest
is 5 years old. He says they are
awful pretty children.

Mrs. Russell & Mrs. Leman &
Mrs. McFarland called
on me yesterday, they stayed
nearly an hour. I have

not seen Smith since that
night she was here but
want to go this evening if
Roy will go with me we
were going last Sun. eve
but it rained - Mamma
I just want to come home
awful bad - I don't tell Roy
but I just get awful home-
sick sometimes - He is
working so hard now - He
cut 103 ft. yesterday - One
of his men quit Friday
and they will have to
work hard now to get it
done - There is only two
fellows besides Roy. Our
store just draws fire and
so does the other one - I
don't see why Mrs. Johnson
had trouble - Our bed -

rooms are papered and
they look very nice. I will
send you some pieces
of the paper. I have been
having such good luck with
my baking lately. The bread
is splendid. Roy got me a
pumpkin & I made some
pies. They were good too.
Say, you never told me what
I was so anxious to know
about Mary Rowley.

I expect you're pretty
busy with your boarders.
I am glad you are
feeling better. I feel
pretty well all the
time. I guess I will

try and wash tomorrow
No we havint made our kraut
where shall we set it when
we get it made? It has to be
kept warm doesnt it?

Tell it is one o'clock and
I guess I had better start
dinner - Tell Louie I
had forgotten who wrote last
but if it was her, I'll write
soon - Tell pa he neednt
quit writing just because
you are at home.

Little Brown Baby died last
week - you know she had
three - This was the last
one - Well this is all
for this time -

yours with love
Carrie.